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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

An Amendment is provided to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004 in the above-identified case.

Claims 18 , 19 and 35 are amended.

**REMARKS**

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her remarks and observations.
2. It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to amend Claims 18, 19 and 35 solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process in a manner consistent with the PTO's Patent Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (9/8/00). In making such amendments, Applicant has not and does not in any way narrow the scope of protection to which Applicant considers the invention herein to